**Export of onions**

3122. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted export of onions through various State agencies;

(b) if so, the details of such agencies and the quantity of export, State-wise; and

(c) whether the State Government of Karnataka has requested Central Government to enhance the quantity of export, keeping in view the bumper crop and large production in this season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) The Government permits export of onion through various agencies. These agencies, with the quantities allowed for export to each during 2001-02 are listed below:

Quantity in MT

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| National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) | 2,45,000 |
| The National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF) | 35,000 |
| Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board (MSAMB), Pune | 2,40,000 |
| Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Ltd. (GAIC), Ah'medabad | 70,000 |
| The Spices Trading Corporation Ltd. (STCL), Bangalore | 40,500 |

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| The Karnataka State Cooperative Marketing Fed. Ltd. (KSCMF), Bangalore | 24,5000 |
| The North Karnataka Onion Growers Cooperative Society (NKOGCS), Hubli | 10,000 |
| A.P. State Trading Corporation (APSTC), Hyderabad | 35,000 |
| | 7,00,000 |

State-wise data for export of onion is not maintained.

(c) No, Sir. Moreover, the export of Bangalore Rose onion carried out by KSCMF and Karnataka Agricultural Produce Processing & Export Corporation (KAPPEC) and Krishnapuram onion carried out by A.P. State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd., (APMARKFED) are not subjected to any quantitative ceilings.

**Growth rate of capital and consumer goods**

3123. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether growth rate of capital goods and core industry is deteriorating for the last six months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the growth rate of each of these sectors during the last six months; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by Government to boost the growth rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (c)
Capital goods sector has shown a fluctuating trend during last six months of the fiscal year 2001-02. The sector, however, registered a positive growth rate of 1.6 per cent during February, 2002 as against -5.2 per cent registered during February, 2001. The six